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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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27 August 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to This Headquarters
Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters

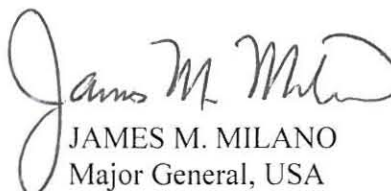
SUBJECT: Thunderbolt Policy Memo No. 44-1 – Withholding of Authority to Dispose of
Officer and Senior Noncommissioned Officer Misconduct

1. References.

- a. Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), 10 USC. Section 801, et seq.
- b. Manual for Courts-Martial, United States, 2005 Edition.
- c. AR 27-10, Military Justice, 16 November 2005.

2. I hereby withhold authority to dispose of UCMJ offenses allegedly committed by
commissioned officers, warrant officers, sergeants major, and master sergeants.

3. If an officer, sergeant major, or master sergeant allegedly violates one or more punitive
articles, the unit's commanding general (CG), brigade/regimental commander, or staff director
will forward an initial report of the incident as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours, to me
and the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA). This initial report will not be delayed to gather additional
facts and can be made telephonically or electronically. Upon completion of the investigation into
the alleged misconduct, the unit's CG, brigade/regimental commander, or director will provide
independent chain of command recommendations for disposition to the SJA for my review.


JAMES M. MILANO
Major General, USA
Commanding

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